Abstract

Described is a system and method for employing user created database-structured queries and data extraction engines to crawl through Websites extracting and organizing data from selected sources on a network, such as the Internet. The structure of a query processed by a Data Extraction engine enables a user to treat the network as a searchable database. The database-structured queries provide a user with tools to match patterns on selected sites on the network. A user may automate database-structured queries to be executed on a regular frequency. Output of the database-structured queries may be placed into a data log, displayed on a user display screen, or optionally reshaped for use by a plurality of data analysis tools. Additionally, an optional graphical user interface is provided.

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